

MINUTES
Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, December 7, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.
Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present: Angie Haller, Brad Bark, Dana Kraft, Al Wagner and Tim Riley

Members Absent: Kim Warren and Greg Harper

Staff Present: Rich Klimes

Guests Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to approve minutes of the October 5, 2016 regular meeting. Moved by Haller. Second by Wagner. All ayes; motion carries.

Request – Cemetery Sales Display Area

Klimes discussed the Cemetery Sales Display Area request from the Iowa Memorial Granite Company and explained that Iowa Memorial Granite currently has the contract for the Cemetery Retail Sales Operation.

Commission Member Haller motioned to approve the request for the Cemetery Sales Display Area. Seconded by Commission Member Wagner. No further discussion. All ayes; motion carries.

Request – Great River Days 2017

Klimes discussed the 2017 Great River Days request. Klimes stated the City received a non-compliance letter from the state this year in regards to the carnival employees emptying their holding tanks into the river. City Staff would recommend at this time that the 2017 Great River Days request be approved subject to compliance by the carnival employees in the future.

Commission Member Haller motioned to approve the 2017 Great River Days request subject to carnival employees complying with all state regulations. Seconded by Commission Member Riley. No further discussion. All ayes; motion carries.

Update Projects – Dog Park Project, Aquatic Center Site Review, Cemetery Steps Project, REAP Grant Project, Riverside Park Master Plan, Sports Field Lighting Project and Cemetery Road Repair Project

Dog Park Project – Staff informed the Commission that the Dog Park area has been seeded and that development of the site is pending funding.

Aquatic Center Site Review – Klimes stated that funding has been requested in the Pools Budget for a consultant firm to come up with some ideas for a new feature at the Aquatic Center.

Cemetery Steps Project – Klimes informed the Commission of a complaint from a homeowner in regards to members of the Cemetery Steps Project dumping concrete on his property. Klimes also stated the Cemetery Steps group has asked for an extension to complete the project.

Commission Members agreed that no extension should be given if they don't agree to clean up the concrete from the homeowners property.

REAP Grant – Klimes stated we are waiting on the contractor's availability and for the river levels to go down. We've also sent out a request this week to solicit bids for new long docks.

Riverside Park Master Plan – Klimes reported that the City is in the process of developing a revised Riverfront Development Plan. The plan was discussed by the public at a November 16th public meeting. The final details will be available in early 2017.

Sports Field Lighting Project – Klimes informed the Commission that Musco donated new lighting for field #2 at the Soccer Complex and fields #3 and #4 at Kent Stein Park.

Cemetery Road Repair Project – Klimes stated repairs have been made to the road in the new section of the cemetery and asked the Commission to drive through and give us their feedback.

Discussion – Muscatine Parks and Recreation Budget Review

Klimes distributed and discussed performance measures for the following divisions: Administration, Recreation, Pools, Park Maintenance, Cemetery, Right of Way Mowing, Street Trees Program, Pearl City Station, Riverview Center, Kent Stein Park, Soccer Complex, Golf Maintenance, Golf Club House, Boat Harbor, Marina, and Wellness.

Other Business

Klimes informed the Commission that their name has now changed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission.

Klimes stated the Elves Workshop will be taking place December 17th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Muscatine Mall.

Klimes stated the Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting their Winter Festival on January 28th at the Golf Course. Klimes asked the Commission to let us know if they have any ideas for the event and encouraged them to attend if they are available.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Rexroth
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